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In re Patent Application of)
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Petter BRAGD et al.) Group Art Unit: 3761
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Application No.: 09/651,127) Examiner: J. A. Webb
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Filed: August 30, 2000)
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For: ABSORBENT STRUCTURE IN AN)
ABSORBENT ARTICLE AND A)
METHOD OF PRODUCING IT)

ELECTION AND AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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In response to the election set forth in the Official Action dated February 22, 2002,
Applicants hereby confirm the election of group 1, claims 1-6 and 11, with traverse. In
addition, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-11 as follows:

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C 1. (Amended) An absorbent structure in an absorbent article, the absorbent
structure comprising a compressed foam material which expands upon wetting, the foam
material comprises at least two integrated layers having different mean pore sizes, wherein
the layers partly penetrate into each other so that there is no clear partitioning line between
the layers.



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AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for ☐ \$55.00 (248) ☐ \$110.00 (148) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.
- ☐ Also enclosed is _____.
- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$370.00 (279) ☐ \$740.00 (179) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted __, on __, for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least __, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (146/246) is also enclosed.
- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.

☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims	16	MINUS 20 =	0	× \$18.00 (103) =	
Independent Claims	2	MINUS 3 =	0	× \$84.00 (102) =	
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (104)					
Total Amendment Fee					0.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$0.00

☐ A claim fee in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.

☐ Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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